

RECOGNITION OF DORA
MENCHACA-DORSEY'S DEATH

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 21, 2001

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I join Congressman HENRY WAXMAN to acknowledge the death of Dora Menchaca-Dorsey. Her death has brought great sorrow to family members in both of our districts.

Dora Menchaca-Dorsey, was an unfortunate victim of American Airlines Flight 77 which crashed into the Pentagon on September 11, 2001. Had Ms. Menchaca-Dorsey taken the later flight on which she was scheduled, she would have returned safely home to her husband, Earle Dorsey and 5-year-old son. Her daughter, Imani, was away at college in Oregon. Due to the airport shutdowns at the time, Imani Dorsey, drove from Portland to Los Angeles to be with her family. Ms. Menchaca-Dorsey also leaves behind a brother in San Gabriel.

Sadly, Dora Menchaca-Dorsey's life was cut short while she was working to save the lives of others. Ms. Menchaca-Dorsey was in Washington, DC attending a briefing with the Food and Drug Administration on medical developments for patients with prostate cancer. She was a dedicated scientist who worked tirelessly to find a cure for some of today's deadliest diseases. Ironically, amidst such death, her co-workers remember her laughter and energy. She could also be maternal towards others, urging them to get regular health-care check-ups. Her husband, Earle Dorsey says he owns his life to his wife. Because of her insistence, his prostate cancer was diagnosed at an early stage.

She also gave back to the community. Proud of her Mexican-American heritage, Dora Menchaca-Dorsey often visited schools to encourage students, especially minorities and girls, to pursue careers in the sciences. That is how we should all remember her.

Menchaca-Dorsey was an energetic and dedicated individual who believed in and lived to find a cure for the diseases plaguing society. She was also a giving and loving wife and mother to her two children. Let us celebrate her memory by remembering what was contributed, not what was lost. Her contribution to the scientific world, to society, and to her family will not be soon forgotten.

REGARDING THE DEATH OF
JULIAN HESTER

HON. BOB BARR

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to Julian Hester, CEO, Community Bankers Association of Georgia, who passed away on September 4, 2001 after a long battle with cancer.

Julian was a native of Washington, Georgia. Upon graduation from Washington High School, he received a scholarship and attended the University of Georgia where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. Following graduation in 1955, he

began his long and illustrious banking career with Farmers and Merchants Bank in his hometown of Washington. While at the bank, Julian graduated from the University of Georgia School of Banking. Later, in 1979, he served a term as president of the Community Bankers Association of Georgia. After serving more than 15 years with Farmers and Merchants Bank, he became president of Habersham Bank in Clarksville, Georgia, where he served for nearly 12 years.

During the early 1980's Julian worked for a large Southeastern correspondent bank, and recognized the need for a correspondent bank in Georgia. In 1984, he organized the Georgia Bankers Bank, which currently serves more than 800 community financial institutions across the Southeast. The following year, he began lobbying for the Community Bankers Association of Georgia, and in 1986 joined the staff as Executive Director/CEO.

As a well-respected lobbyist for more than two decades, Julian expanded the Association to include important services for its member banks, such as educational programs, group services and a strong system of inter-bank networking. Currently, the Association has more than 200 associate members and 330 community bank members statewide.

In addition to his incredible dedication and commitment to community banking, Julian was also very active in several business and civic organizations, and served in many leadership positions. He was a past president of the Independent Bankers Association of America's National Association of State Independent Banking Association Executives, and the Northeast Georgia Chapter of the Bankers Administration Institute. He also served as vice president, treasurer and president of his local Georgia Jaycees chapter, and president of the Rotary Club of Habersham County. He was an active member and a deacon of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarksville.

HONORING DEANNA STRAND

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Deanna Strand for her success and accomplishments in the field of aviation. Deanna owns the Strand Flying School in Grand Junction, Colorado. She started the school in 1983 and over the course of eighteen dedicated years, has produced a business with a great national reputation.

Flying has played a large role in her family. Deanna's parents owned an aviation business in Montana and she had received her private pilot's license before she graduated from high school. Several years later she received her flight instructor rating and opened the Strand Flying School with one leased airplane and no employees. Over the years, she has been developing her credentials, expanding the capabilities of her school and, in turn, her reputation. In addition to being a flight instructor and business owner, she is also a Federal Aviation Administration Flight Examiner and a Flight Instructor Examiner. Deanna is one of only two people in Western Colorado who determines whether an applicant can receive their next li-

cense or rating, including an instructor's license. This year she was named FAA Flight Instructor of the Year in the Northwest Mountain Region as well as the Salt Lake City District. Her list of accomplishments also includes over 8,000 logged hours in the air. Deanna has recently taken on a new challenge. In cooperation with Colorado Northwestern Community College and Mesa State College, she will be providing a program that will award students an aviation degree.

Deanna Strand and the Strand Flying School have come a long way in the last eighteen years. She now owns seven planes and employs a fully staffed office and nine instructors. Deanna Strand has turned her favorite pastime into a successful business and an accomplished career. I would like to recognize her accomplishments in the field of aviation and thank her for the wonderful service that she is providing her community.

TO HONOR ELÍAS AND CECILIA
ESQUER, RECIPIENTS OF THE
12TH ANNUAL PROFILES OF SUCCESS
HISPANIC LEADERSHIP
AWARD

HON. ED PASTOR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PASTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to recognize two outstanding citizens who have been honored for their leadership qualities and service to their community. On September 5th, Elías and Cecilia Esquer were honored by their peers at the Annual Profiles of Success Hispanic Leadership Awards presentation in Phoenix, Arizona. This event, coordinated by Valle del Sol, a local non-profit community based organization, kicks off National Hispanic Heritage Month in Arizona and is now in its twelfth year of honoring worthy individuals.

Honored in the Hall of Fame category, Mr. and Mrs. Esquer were recognized for their extensive civic involvement and service to their community. Together, they have served on various federal, state and local boards and commissions supporting educational, legal, and artistic advancement. They have been instrumental in creating the Arizona Association of Chicanos in Higher Education and the Hispanic Convocation at Arizona State University. Their work has been instrumental in creating various educational programs and they have dedicated countless hours towards mentoring students, staff and faculty members at colleges and universities throughout Arizona.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing these outstanding citizens for their fine work and dedication. Through their work they have earned the respect and admiration of their community and peers.

POEM BY BRITTNI BATES

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

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Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I am amazed at the many heroic and kind deeds that we have